INSURANCE MEN OPPOSE TAX BILL

Ask House Committee on Finance Not to Increase Burdens.

CUNNINGHAM HALL RAPS IT

Declares It Is Same Old Measure That Has Come Forth for Past

times was the opposition waged to the proposed increased taxes on insurance companies before the House Committee omplimentary references to the Senate, which has already passed the bill, and to its Finance Committee were made. A leading figure in the fight was Robert Lynn Cox, of New York, general manager of the National Association of Life Insurance Presidents, and described ag perhaps the best informed insurance man in the United States.

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Mr. Cox was a member of the New York General Assembly at the time of he insurance scandals, and was a member of the famous Armstrong investigating committee.

But the really warm argument of the lay was presented by Cunningham Hall, a well-known Richmond insurance man. He said it was the same old bill which had been up for eighteen years. He asked that the House not prejudge the bill, as was done in the Senate. He suggested that if more revenue was needed, why not make those who are roobbing the State by assessing their for \$1,000.

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Keezell to Speak.

This line of argument will not pass unchallenged. Senator Keezell, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, was present and engaged himself in making calculations and taking notes. He asked for an opport aity to state his case, and will be heard this morning. The meeting is called for 9 o'clock.

Several Virginia companies were represented in the fight on the bill, which increases the tax on life companies from 1 to 1½ per cent. of the gross receipts, and on fire companies from 1½ to 1½ per cent. The life people had the floor during most of the session. It was pointed out that a great injustice would be worked to Virginia companies which do business in other State; by reason of the fact that some States have retailatory laws. For instance, a representative of a local fire concerns in Pennsylvania is \$75, whereas his company has to pay \$200 to do business in that State because whereas his company has to pay \$200 to do business in that State because Virginia charges \$200 to Pennsylvania the work of the Senate yesterday. Favorable reports were received on was that the same rule would apply to ad valorem taxation. The point was made, therefore, that the burdens would fall on the Virginia companies wherever they might go, and on foreign companies only in this State.

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These bills, said Captain Hall, have ceased to be amusing, and look like persecution. If the proposed tax were levied, he asserted, it will be paid by the policyholders. 'Is it true,' he asked, "that some people in this State are making untrue reports of their property? It is stated that lands are assessed at small percentages of their real value; that no income returns are made from some of the counties. If insurance companies should faisify their reports the Commissioner of Insurance would speedly look after them. If someody else is robbing tha State, is that a reason for putting additional burdens on us? Everybody is jumping on the tax law. It has no frigends. A prominent Senator close to the Governor says that official will be heard from. We only ask justice," sir. Cox. of New York, asked that the committeemen rid their minds of prejudice on insurance matters. He Eighteen Years.

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you tax us so high, we'll be driven out of business.' Yet the prohibition advocates never are heard to say to them: 'Well, go ahead out of business,' and that is certainly funny to me.' His amendment would, he said, make the license fees amount to \$41,000 instead of \$22,000, and then \$20,000 would be thrown in for the privilege of conducting a liquor business, making a grand total of \$71,000.

' Pleads for Common People.

Characterizing the present bill as the most "vicious" he had seen in five terms of legislative work, Senator Folkes said that he saw no reason to show such "tender, loving consideration to Thomas C. Platt and the other

barkeepers to the wall with a \$160,000 increase, now you turn around to the express companies who are doing much of their philanthropy in doing this whiskey business, you are going to soak the other fellow."

"Trusting the Boeter.

"The time has not arrived in Virginia." said Mr. Cox, speaking for the Adams measure, "when the people cannot trust the country doctor." He thought the State Board of Pharmacy should not have the right to put one doctor above another.

Mr. Stubbs called attention to another change contemplated in the bill.

The previous question was ordered and the Adams amendment was agreed to 35 to 33. Mr. Turpin offered an amendment, which was carried, not allowing the sale of laudanum to ha-bitual users. The Keyser amendment

The last business of the day was the Bell bill prescribing four-year terms between local option elections. Mr. Buck spoke against the bill. The member from Washington county, who lis a minister of the Christian Church, called attention to the fact that many elections have been held in recent years on the faith of the people that they could vote again within two years. It ate agitation, but so do other elec-

encourage towns by depositing its money in local banks.

The Wingo amendment was agreed to. The Emporia bank was added by a vote of 35 to 18. On roil call the bill was passed as amended by a vote of 61 to 11.

The Senate bill fixing the rates for securing charters of domestic corporations and fees on foreign corporations was passed.

The House bill was passed providing for the examination of books of land assessors by clerks and fixing their compensation therefor.

The Senate bill for the relief of the estate of James E phillips was passed on its second reading.

Doctors and Drugs.

House bills then being taken up on their second reading, the first to come up was the Adams bill amending the pharmacy act. Under the present law the State Board of Pharmacy is to their patients and it said that it has been its policy to allow this privician a monopoly. Mr. Adams wanted to change "may" allow physicians to sell drugs unless to their patients and it said that it has been its policy to allow this privician a monopoly. Mr. Adams wanted to change "may" to shall.

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Mr. Keyser said physicians do not like their prescriptions to be filled by their profession. These were two widely different professions, have been the normal and the first of their profession. These were two widely different professions, have been the profession. These were two widely different professions, he could be a physician's of the profession of the condition that it is unterested to the condition that it is unformation.

Portsmouth, a city which would ceive much benefit from the bill, come to the conclusion that it is constitutional.

A step toward segregation of taxe is taken in Senator Keezell's bill, which declares that all fees and expenses it criminal cases tried by justices of the peace incurred before trial or examination and afterward shall be paid out of the treasury of the city or county where the trial is held, and not by the State, as heretofore.

Abingdon wishes to vote on the dis-pensary question, and, according to Senator Lincoin, the patron of the en-abiling bill, the vote will be over-whelmingly dry.

Arthur L. Gaston, of South Carolina. a former member of the Legislature of that State and of the legislative committee which uncarthed the graft in the dispensary system there, was a Senate visitor yesterday.

A party of legislators and legislator esses journeyed down the James Sunday on board the Commodore Maury, the flagship of the Virginia oyster navy, as guests of Fish Commissioner W. McDonald Lee and Representative John A. Curtis, of Richmond. The party visited Shirley and Westover.

Mrs. Bransford and Mrs. Ramsey, the mistresses of these historic homes, received the visitors most graciously. At Westover the grave of William Byrd was visited. Representative Alden Bell voiced the thanks of the party for the hospitality shown, while Representative Hugh A. White thanked Commissioner Lee and Mr. Curtis.

As a further mark of gratitude to the latter, his desk in the House was a decorated yesterday with flowers, the gift of Mr, and Mrs. W. Bullitt Fitzhugh.

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cattle for controlling tuberculosis is provided for in a recent bill of Sena-or Owen, who is especially interested n scientific agriculture.

The law regarding liens on crops is sought to be altered in a bill lately sent to the clerk's desk by Senator Watkins, by request. This would make the consideration for the lien not only money or supplies, as at present, but would make it anything of value. The written agreement must be signed by written agreement must be signed by written agreement must be signed by

Over in Southwest Virginia lives a man who is said to have perfected a ledgerized general index system for the indexing of deeds and other records. His name is Kligore, and for years he has made a study of scientific indexing of records. Senators Noel and Chase have introduced a bill which seeks to make this system the authorized one throughout the State.

Mr. McIlwaine Calls Yarrell

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tain things for the public is the object of three Yarrell bills considered last night by the House Committee for Courts of Justice. For hours the committee listened to the argument conducted by Mr. Yarrell for his bills, and by W. B. McIlwaine and W. S. Battle for the railroads.

First was the measure making conductors take coupons from interchangeable mileage books. At present these coupons must be exchanged for tickets at the stations, sometimes to the inconvenience and not infrequently to the loss of the traver—the latter being the case where he gets on the train without attending to the ticket proposition.

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